GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:326
ANSWERED ON:16.04.2002
PROBLEM OF DRINKING WATER
A. VENKATESH NAIK;ANANTRAO GUDHE

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have conducted any survey to find out the bottlenecks in resolving the drinking water problem in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the plans proposed by the Government to address the same;

(d) the details of the funds allocated for providing drinking water under ARWSP during 2002-2003, State-wise;

(e) whether some State Governments have requested the Union Government for release of additional funds under ARWSP, especially in the problematic rural areas of the country;

(f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise ; and

(g) the time by which the funds are likely to be released to the State Governments?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) to (g): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 326 for reply on 16.04.2002

(a) to (c): A nation-wide habitation survey to assess the rural water supply coverage status was conducted through the State Governments in the year 1991. The results was revalidated during 1993-94 , verified in 1996-97 and updated in the year 1999-2000. As per the updated figures, as on 01.04.1999, there were 14,22,664 no. of rural habitations out of which 11,16,103 were Fully Covered(FC)and 2,68,496 were Partially Covered (PC). The remaining 38,065 were found to be Not Covered (NC) habitations. All the States and Union Territories have assessed the requirements of funds for covering remaining NC and PC habitations by the year 2004, in order to achieve the objective envisaged in the National Agenda for Governance of the Government and submitted the same to Government of India. This information was compiled to prepare a Comprehensive Action Plan.

(d): For the year 2002-03 , an amount of Rs. 2235.00 crores has been provided as central outlay for the Rural Water Supply Sector. The State-wise allocation under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) has not yet been finalised.

(e) to (g): Some State Governments had requested Government of India for release of additional funds under ARWSP during 2001-02. However, as ARWSP is allocation based programme, the funds under ARWSP are allocated at the beginning of financial year itself. During the year 2001-02, the drawal of ARWSP funds by the State Governments was considerably high as a result of which savings under the programme were very low, which were distributed among the better performing States which had demanded additional funds. The details of additional funds demanded is given below:

Detail of additional funds requested by the States under ARWSP during 2001-2002

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.No.	Name of State	Request received for additional ARWSP funds
1.	Andhra Pradesh	10000.00
2.	Gujarat	4000.00

3. Haryana 1500.00

4. Himachal Pradesh 2500.00

5. Madhya Pradesh 4438.00
6. Maharashtra 10000.00

7 Mizoram 798.00

8. Nagaland 615.00

9. Punjab 1500.00
10. Sikkim 1500.00
11. Tamil Nadu 2000.00
12. Uttaranchal 4500.00
13. Tripura 1000.00

TOTAL 44351.00